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1. Soviet citizens in Stalingrad told [] there was an anti-Soviet organization called "Chernaya Koshka" (The Black Cat). It distributed political leaflets and, among other things, hunted MVD officers. Once, in 1952, [] a body of a murdered MVD officer in the Tsaritsa Ravine. The body was already under guard. [] this had been done by the Black Cat. [] 25X1
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2. According to Soviets, the authorities feared uprisings after Stalin's death. Allegedly the Ukraine wanted to separate itself from the Soviet Union, and that possibility was feared. [] 25X1
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3. [] the people and the Army hate the MVD workers, and call them "parasites and loafers". 25X1
4. [] the kolkhozniki were extremely antagonistic toward the kolkhozy, did not want to work on them, and tried in every way possible to leave and find work in a factory. 25X1
5. Older persons were extremely skeptical of Soviet press and radio communications. Many of them had been in the West during World War II, or had heard from comrades and friends about living conditions there. They were indifferent to political propaganda, which bored everyone. The people had hopes that things would be better after Stalin's death, but these hopes were unjustified. []

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